

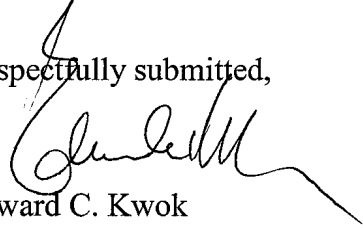
REMARKS

Claims 1-2, 5-14 and 25-56 are canceled to facilitate issuance of allowed claims in this patent application. After these amendments, Claims 17-18 and 57-63 are pending and allowable.

For the above reasons, Applicant respectfully submits that all pending claims (i.e., Claims 17-18 and 57-63) are allowable. If the Examiner has any questions, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned at (408) 392-9250.

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